network of 2128 Community Health Centres, 20,738 Primary Health Centres and 1,31,118 Sub-centres have been established in the country as on 1-4-1993 which primarily serve the rural areas.

Project Report for the Development of Secondary Grade Hospitals in A.P.

1112. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a project report for the development of secondary grade hospitals in the State with the assistance of World Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Project Report for development of Secondary level and other hospitals was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for posing to World Bank for their assistance. The World Bank has accepted the proposal in principle. The objective of the project is to appropriately strengthen the first line referral hospitals and provide requisite back-up support to the primary health care institutions.

Introduction of Short Duration Medicine Course in the Rural Areas in the Country

1113. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce short duration Medical Course of three years duration which suits rural areas of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Medical Council of India is not in favour of such short term courses.

Introduction of Fundamentals of all the Systems of Medicine

1114. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce the fundamentals of all the systems of medicine namely Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda, 'Unani and Siddha' in the Syllabus for Medical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no proposal to introduce fundamentals of other systems of medicine in the teaching of modern medicine.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The fundamentals of each system of medicine are different and integration of these systems in the curriculum is not considered feasible and desirable.

Shortage of Nurses in the Country

1115. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of nurses in the country, to the extent of four lakhs;

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to meet this demand;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open new Nursing Institutions during 1993-94; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Expert Committees had broadly indicated a requirement of 4.75 lakhs general Nurses for the country in 1991. According to the Indian Nursing Council the number of Nurses registered as on 31st December, 1991 is 3.40 lakhs.

(b) to (d) The responsibility for production of Nursing manpower is that of the State Governments. The Central Government have sought proposals from the States to over-